

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 524 - HB 790

March 8, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires county absentee ballot counting boards to release the results of early and absentee voting at the time the polls are required to close. Prohibits the boards to publicly announce results if voters in the county are still waiting in line at the polls.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-6-304(c) and (e), county absentee ballot counting boards are not authorized to total votes for any candidate until after all polls in the county are closed.
- The proposed legislation requires the boards to release results of early and absentee voting at the time the polls are required to close pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 2-3-201, unless voters are still in line at the polls.
- The proposed legislation would require absentee ballot boards to begin tabulation before polls close in preparation to release the early and absentee totals at such time.
- The proposed legislation alters the timing of absentee voting tabulation, not the methodology or number of members required for individual county absentee ballot counting boards.
- No significant fiscal impact to state or local government.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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